

CORE Update

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The CORE Group has changed to integrate into Strategic Plan Initiatives. In the February, 2017 meeting it was outlined to change the direction of CORE to further support planning efforts in compliance with the 2017 RSA Technical Assistance Monitoring Guide. CORE will continue with our agenda of reporting on contract issues, but the focus will really be on either positive success stories that the Committee will want to share in or on specific issues that need problem solving by the Committee members. Additionally, new attention will change to work groups that are tasked with working through the Monitoring and TA Guide.

The first task is for all members to review pages 1-12 of the Guide to obtain a basic understanding of the purpose. The Program Team and fiscal team will then be given work assignments for specific sections and be asked to respond to the questions.

The RSB Bureau will also be reviewing sections with the area office supervisors and will draft a SWOT report by November 2017 following their annual office supervisor retreat.

This work will help CORE review our status, increase our active involvement as an agency in reviewing and monitoring strategic objectives and how data performance results impact decisions. It will help ensure we are integrating discussion and perspectives from staff at different viewpoints to help make sure we move forward as an agency. The CORE Work Groups will do the heavy lifting on addressing these policy and procedure questions and play a critical role in providing feedback on fiscal/financial oversight and impact on service delivery strategies. Jeff Haight will play a key role in helping provide data consistent with what we can obtain through Appendix C and will make that available to CORE as it is completed. This data will be shared through the CORE shared folder. Focus for Jeff will be on the Iowa data, we may have limited access to current national averages and numbers. Kelley Rice will be the task master and be involved in helping facilitate progress from both groups to ensure task completion and timely progress. She will also be reviewing the TA Monitoring Guide and help oversee our internal monitoring and compliance process.

The results of the CORE group will occur over time as we chip away at the Guide. This work will influence strategic planning, the comprehensive state wide needs assessment, follow-through on our state unified plan and service strategies impacting employment outcomes and fiscal compliance.

The CORE folder maintained electronically will be updated and organized for improved access for members. We will also be identifying a way to share the CORE minutes for staff review for those interested.